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50. (New) The field-structured sensor of claim 48, wherein the surface stress of the nonconducting medium changes when exposed to the selected chemical.

51. (New) The field-structured sensor of claim 48, wherein a surface of said composite is coated with a surface layer whose surface stress changes when exposed to the selected chemical.

52. (New) The field-structured sensor of claim 48, wherein said nonconducting medium is porous.

53. (New) The field-structured sensor of claim 30, wherein the environmental parameter is concentration of a selected chemical in a background carrier, and the coupling mechanism exposes the composite to said carrier.

REMARKS

New claims 29-53 have been added by this amendment to the above-referenced patent application to more particularly set forth the present invention. Claims 29-53 have been added to copy claims 1-25 from U.S. Patent No. 6,194,769 ("the '769 patent") to Martin, *et al.*, issued February 27, 2001, from U.S. Application Serial No. 323,172, filed May 27, 1999..

New claims 29-53 correspond exactly to claims 1-25 as issued in the '769 patent. Support for the foregoing newly presented claims can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

Applicants note that 35 U.S.C. §135(b) requires a claim in an application of an issued patent be made prior to one year from the date the patent was granted. Under *Switzer v. Stockman*, 217 USPQ 226, 230 (CCPA 1964), the anniversary date of the issuance of a patent is "prior to one year from the date on which the patent was

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granted.” (See, MPEP §2307.02.). Thus, this filing satisfies the statutory requirements of 35 U.S.C. §135(b).

Early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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